

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1 - 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): A handheld pet animal bathing utensil for connection to a source of pressurized water and for simultaneously delivering a plurality of streams of flowing water to an animal's fur coat, some of said streams delivered to the base of ~~an~~ the animal's fur coat and other of said streams simultaneously delivered to the outer portion of the animal's fur coat, to displace entrapped insulation air in the animal's fur coat and effectively bathe the animal, said utensil including a housing defining a chamber for receiving water from said source of pressurized water and having a housing surface with an inner housing surface portion and an outer peripheral housing surface portion surrounding said inner housing surface portion, said housing surface defining an array of spaced water exit ports in fluid flow communication with said chamber and located within said inner housing surface portion in a first common plane occupied generally by said housing surface, and said utensil further including an array of spaced, rigid tubular extensions projecting outwardly from said outer peripheral housing surface portion and in fluid flow communication with said chamber, said array of spaced, rigid tubular extensions surrounding the array of spaced ports and said spaced, rigid

tubular extensions having open distal ends spaced from said ports and disposed generally in a second common plane spaced from and disposed outwardly of said first common plane and said ports, said spaced, rigid tubular extensions being of sufficient length to penetrate the animal's fur coat and deliver water from said chamber to the base of the animal's fur coat through the open distal ends thereof when said ports deliver water from said chamber to the outer fur coat, and said rigid tubular extensions operable to create a cushion of water over the animal's skin reducing friction between the utensil and the animal and cooperable with the animal's fur coat to reduce pressure and velocity of water after exiting said ports and open distal ends to reduce splashing and enabling gravity to direct excess water from the bathing utensil down a side or sides of the animal, said ports operable to relieve water pressure in said chamber when the open distal ends of the rigid tubular extensions are blocked.